

TOWN OF OTEGO

March 13, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 3526 State Highway 7, Otego, New York. The purpose of the meeting was to audit the bills, and any other business coming before the board.

The following members were present:

Maryalice Brown	Town Clerk
Terry Brown	Councilperson
George Dolezel	Councilperson
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt.

Minutes

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to approve the minutes of the February 13 meeting. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Supervisor's Report

Mr. Dolezel read the Supervisor's report for February:

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$235,245.95
Receipts:	187,754.50
Disbursements:	<u>43,785.17</u>
Ending Balance:	\$379,215.28

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 8,614.51
Receipts:	45,050.04
Disbursements:	<u>1,222.35</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 52,442.20

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$271,959.90
Receipts:	191,278.93
Disbursements:	<u>146,086.12</u>
Ending Balance:	\$316,152.71

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$323,888.55
Receipts:	207,486.29
Disbursements:	<u>3,400.54</u>
Ending Balance:	\$527,974.30

The beginning balance of all funds were slightly off from the previous month.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, not to approve the report until the beginning balance discrepancies are answered. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave the dog control report: 2 reports of loose/stray dogs, no tickets issued, and no dogs taken to the shelter.

County Representative

Kathy Clark gave the representative report: the county has received a broadband grant and asked if there was anyone local who might be interested in giving assistance in this area of the county. It was suggested that she speak to Mark Dye. There will be a series of meetings on the Otsego Manor on Saturdays in Worcester, Cooperstown, and April 6 in Oneonta.

Planning Board

Mr. Butler submitted a report to the board. At their March meeting they discussed county recommendations for the comprehensive plan, the existing Water Well Head Protection Plan, and the current language dealing with seasonal roads. Information will be gathered and possible changes discussed at the April meeting.

The town board and planning board will hold a joint meeting on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm to discuss the comprehensive plan.

Time Warner

No action.

Highway Superintendent

Mr. Hurlburt reported that he has requested a time extension for the Upper Green St. Bridge replacement.

Mr. Hurlburt also requested that the board look into the purchase of a Dickey-John system for the new truck. This system monitors the flow of sand/salt based on the speed of the vehicle. The cost is \$4200 installed. The board tabled any action until next month.

Correspondence

The board received a letter from Helen Higgins thanking the board for passing the moratorium law.

The board received a letter from Stuart Anderson urging the board to be prepared for possible litigation from the result of passing the moratorium law and reminded them that there is a Natural Resources Defense Council that may defend the town pro bono if necessary.

The board received notice from the Town of Oneonta that they are holding a public hearing on Wed. March 13 on a proposed local law extending a gas drilling moratorium in Oneonta.

Local Law – Defense of Town Employees

The town of Otego does not have a local law providing for the legal defense of town employees. The town does have insurance coverage but a local law should be on the books. The town attorney will draw up a proposed law and submit to the board next month.

Torres v. Crawford and Town of Otego

This case has been resolved between the insurance companies.

Historian Report

The town clerk read the annual report of Helen Groves.

Zoning Law

Mrs. Behnke asked about any action on the proposed changes in the Zoning Law. This law will be reviewed after the comprehensive plan is revised. The county will not accept the zoning law unless there is a comprehensive plan in place.

Cleaner Green Communities

Stuart Anderson addressed the board. Otego and surrounding communities are having economic difficulties and the town board must be making economic plans for the future. There are sources of financial help available from various agencies, and he suggests that the town establish a public-benefit corporation that would apply for grants and other financial assistance. He suggests that the town consider creating the Otego Sustainable Development Authority (OSDA), file a proposal when the Cleaner Greener Committees program opens its next proposal period, and hold any hearings necessary and approve enabling legislation.

Destruction of Records

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to destroy the following paper records:

- 2001 Highway Fund vouchers
- 2001 General Fund vouchers
- 2002 Warrants
- 2002 Town Clerk bank statements
- 2002 Town Clerk monthly reports
- 2002 Supervisors reports
- 2002 Board of Assessment Review files (not minutes)
- 2009 Dog license/renewals
- 2003-04 Tentative Tax roll
- 1998-99 Final Tax roll
- 2002 grant file
- 2002 Bettiol v. Town assessment case

Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Justice Court Grant

The town has gotten approval on the grant application, but did not receive the full amount requested for a new copier. The town did receive \$2500 for a new copier. After discussion it was decided that the town clerk will get information and quotes on a new machine and will submit the information to the board next month.

Warrant

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # __45-58__ in the amount of \$7874.71. Highway Fund vouchers # __44-63__ in the amount of \$19,875.21 .

Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

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_____ Highway Supt.